

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 11, 2023

The Honorable Anthony N. Albanese  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600, Australia

Dear Prime Minister Albanese:

Our two countries have a long history of working together to fight evil across the globe, from our coordination in World War I and World War II in the last century, to our present-day cooperation through our AUKUS alliance. Standing strong together, our alliance has endured for generations as a bulwark against threats to our shared interests. In that spirit, we write today, as Republican and Democratic members of the United States House of Representatives, to respectfully urge Australia to swiftly act to designate the Islamic Republic of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), in its entirety, as a terrorist organization.

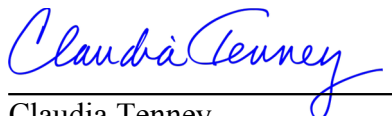
The Islamic Republic of Iran is the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism and the IRGC is the central core of the country's terrorist operations at home and abroad. The IRGC has openly carried out plots targeting citizens around the world for decades. Presently, Germany is pursuing prosecution against IRGC-linked individuals responsible for plotting attacks against synagogues in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia. Last year, an Iranian diplomat was convicted on terrorism charges in Belgium for his role in a 2018 plot in Paris. In February 2023, it was reported by British authorities that they had foiled or exposed at least 15 kidnapping or assassination plots by the IRGC targeting U.K.-based persons since January 2022 alone. Authorities in Georgia reportedly foiled the IRGC's attempted assassination of an Israeli-Georgian businessman in Tbilisi last year. In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice unsealed several indictments against IRGC operatives this year in shocking murder-for-hire schemes targeting a former national security adviser and U.S. Secretary of State, among others. It is also widely known that the IRGC actively funds, arms, trains, and provides intelligence to Australia-designated terrorist organizations like Hezbollah and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).

We understand that Australia's Security Legislation Amendment (Terrorism) Act of 2022 inserted terrorist offenses into their criminal code and created a list of terrorist organizations. This list is maintained by the Attorney General in coordination with the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation. As you know, a group may be added to the list if it "is directly or indirectly engaged in preparing, planning, assisting in, or fostering the doing of a terrorist act; or advocates the doing of a terrorist act." Australia has designated multiple groups that are funded, armed, trained, and provided intelligence by the IRGC as terrorist organizations, including Hamas, Hezbollah, and PIJ.

We applaud and echo the sentiments of the Australian Senate, which recommended on February 1, 2023, that your government designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization. While we appreciate that Australia recently placed sanctions on parts of the IRGC, including its Quds Force, we urge you to heed the call of your Senate and take the additional step of designating the IRGC as a terrorist organization.

There is an abundance of evidence available to Australian authorities that provides the necessary basis for action. We hope your government will give due consideration to this very important and timely request. Designating the IRGC will send the clear message to Iran that acts of terrorism against us, our partners, and innocent citizens must not, and will not be tolerated.

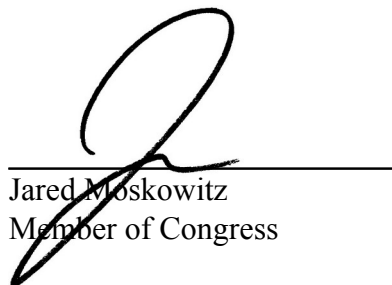
Sincerely,



Claudia Tenney  
Member of Congress



Bradley Scott Schneider  
Member of Congress



Jared Moskowitz  
Member of Congress



Jim Costa  
Member of Congress



Michael V. Lawler  
Member of Congress



Pat Fallon  
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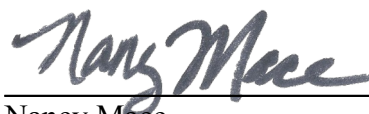


Carlos A. Gimenez  
Member of Congress



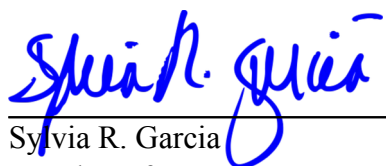
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Joe Wilson  
Member of Congress



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Nancy Mace  
Member of Congress



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Sylvia R. Garcia  
Member of Congress



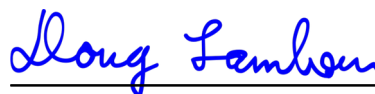
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Katie Porter  
Member of Congress



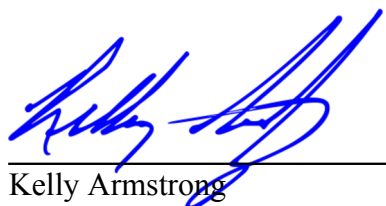
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Adam B. Schiff  
Member of Congress



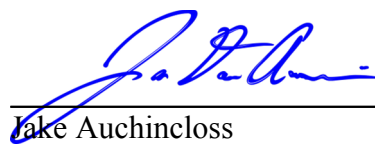
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Doug Lamborn  
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Kelly Armstrong  
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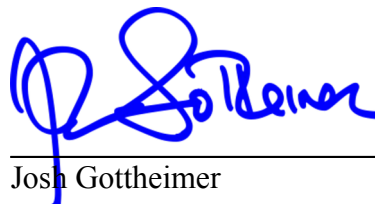
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Jake Auchincloss  
Member of Congress



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David J. Trone  
Member of Congress



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Josh Gottheimer  
Member of Congress

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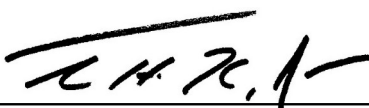
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Brad Sherman  
Member of Congress

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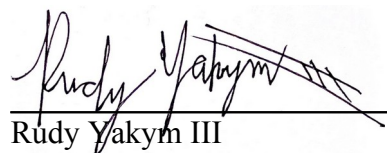
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Brandon Williams  
Member of Congress

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Thomas H. Kean, Jr.  
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rudy Yakym III". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Rudy" and last name "Yakym" being the most prominent parts. There is a small "III" at the end of the signature.

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Rudy Yakym III  
Member of Congress